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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

William Terriss, the murdered actor, left a fortune of about \$250,000.

Governor Powers, of Maine, is the wealthiest man who has ever been Chief Executive of that State.

The Marquis of Bute, who is an extensive landowner in South Wales, is having his three sons taught Welsh.

A writer who has been entertained by the Sultan of Turkey says his majesty is quiet and very much of a gentleman. He has a velvet voice and is evidently a man of conscience and culture.

Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian MacIaren) has been called to the pastorate of the Kensington congregation. His salary will be \$5000. In his present pastorate, in Liverpool, he receives a salary of \$6000.

It is reported that Rev. R. H. Pullman, of Baltimore, has determined to devote part of the \$50,000 legacy left him by his brother, George M. Pullman, to the work of the Reform League, in which he is so deeply interested.

The head of the Armenians in San Francisco is Solomon Rahy, who was educated in the school of the American missionaries in Palestine. He speaks and writes the English, Turkish, Armenian, Greek and Hebrew languages.

Postmaster-General Gary and Secretary Gage have promised to assist in laying the cornerstone of the new postoffice building in Chicago the 4th of next July. The President has been invited, but it appears that he will not be able to attend.

It is common report in the Transvaal that President Kruger has the wonderful art of saving ten times his salary, and that Jacobus Womersley, another member of the Boer Government, is accused of receiving \$100,000 a year in bribes from the dynamite monopoly.

The fortunes of the Borgheze family of Rome are to be rehabilitated by the marriage of Livio Borgheze, second son of the Prince, to Mile. Forges, daughter of a rich Jewish banker in Paris. Not long ago the family tried to sell the famous Borgheze art treasures to foreigners, but the Italian Government intervened.

Professor Theodore Mommsen, of Germany, is credited with bringing about much of the trouble in Austro-Hungary by his fiery writings. He is eighty years of age and very short in stature. In 1870 he was known for his hatred of France, as the "Franzosenfresser," or eater of Frenchmen. His hatred of Bismarck is a religion with him, and he once challenged the "Iron Chancellor" to mortal combat.

Swinnburne, the poet, left Oxford without taking a degree, and takes a pride in avowing his illiteracy. Notwithstanding this fact, he is a perfect master of Greek and French, and has absorbed both literatures. He grows more eccentric with his waxing years, now approaching the three-score-and-ten limit, lives near London, but is almost never seen in society, and is particularly fond of children.

SHOT IN JAIL.

Howell Was Locked Up For Following Mrs. Collins and Collins Killed Him.

At Bessemer, Ala., J. H. Howell, a mine foreman, aged about thirty-eight, was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Tom Collins, wife of a well-known saloon keeper, who complained to the police that he had been following her and her daughter while on their way home.

About an hour afterward Collins went to the jail and asked permission to see Howell. He was shown to the cell, where he drew a pistol and fired a bullet into Howell's heart.

Collins declares that Howell assaulted his wife and daughter and that he felt justified in having slain him. Collins is about fifty years of age.

VAN WYCK AT THE HELM.

The First Mayor of Greater New York Installed.

SIMPLICITY OF INAUGURATION.

The First Act the Removal of Every Chief Office Holder Who Had Not Already Resigned—Ex-Mayors Strong, Wurster and Gleason Congratulate Their Successor—Tammany Now in Full Control.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Robert A. Van Wyck, first Mayor of the new New York, second city of the world, took possession of his office in the City Hall, Saturday, without formal ceremony of any kind. He does not like fuss and feathers. He made a speech containing exactly eighteen words, after which he turned from Mayor Strong, to whom his words were addressed, and began to shake hands with the throng of people who had gathered to greet him. At the end of fifty-five minutes he retired to his private office and began his duties as Mayor by removing from office every man in the five boroughs, which now constitute the city, who held office by virtue of an appointment from Mayor Strong, Mayor Wurster and Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, save only the School Commissioners of old New York and the Aqueduct Board, which holds over until 1901.



ROBERT A. VAN WYCK. (Inaugurated as First Mayor of the enlarged City of New York.)

Mayor Strong arrived at the City Hall shortly after 10 o'clock, accompanied by his son, Bradley, and his son-in-law, Mr. Shattuck. After Mayor Strong had come the crowd began to arrive. Twenty-five policemen were stationed in the building to keep the people in line to await the coming of Mayor Van Wyck. At this time, up stairs, in the Municipal Council Chamber, President Gugzenberger and the Councilmen-elect had gathered to await the coming of the Mayor-elect and to march in a body to congratulate him.

The crowd was constantly increasing, and at the half hour before noon it was estimated that 3000 people were in about the City Hall. In the circle under the dome Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band was playing popular airs and many who were at the inauguration through curiosity crowded about listening, while others made the occasion one of exploration into all the show rooms of the remodeled building. The halls and the public rooms were elaborately decorated with draped flags and bunting.

The public office was crowded almost to suffocation at some minutes before noon when the Mayor-elect, his brother and Mayor Strong entered the room. Mr. Van Wyck, who was dressed in a simple suit, saw the Mayor-elect, who had not set foot in City Hall since the day three years ago, when Mayor Strong took possession of the office. The Mayor-elect's emotion he did not betray by a word or action. His face was impassive. He walked slowly to a desk and stopped for a moment to sign the flower which had been sent him. He smiled when he saw standing before him a man whose yellow hair and thin lips were familiar to him. This had been a day in a Brooklyn bar.

At exactly 12 o'clock Mayor Strong cleared his throat and made a speech of welcome to his successor.

Mayor Van Wyck, in reply said: "I received this office from the people, I accept it from them, and to them I will answer."

Then he shook hands once more with the three ex-Mayors, whose terms of office had expired but a few moments before, and, falling back, with his brother at his left side, he began to receive the congratulations of the men in the crowd.

The crowd that had formed in line was too great for Mayor Van Wyck's endurance, and he retired to his private office at five minutes to one o'clock.

"I've got to get to work," the Mayor explained, as he disappeared to distribute the plums.

The first official act of Mayor Van Wyck was a formal one. Under the charter he has an absolute power of removal for six months. In order to remove complications he formally removed from office every head of a department in the Borough of Manhattan. Similar action was taken regarding the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, the titles of all his appointees to office thus becoming certain at the outset. Tammany is now in complete possession of the new big city.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The State Department issued an announcement to the people of the United States giving a list of the articles most needed for the relief of those who are suffering in Cuba.

Excluding Union Pacific payments, Government receipts for December exceeded expenditures by \$1,736,404.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued regulations prohibiting the taking of seal-skins by American citizens, except on the Pribilof Islands, and inhibiting the importation of Pelagic seal-skins.

The United States and Canada are to act together in forwarding provisions to the Klondike. Negotiations are under way for better customs provisions on the frontier.

Pension Commissioner Evans declares that the business of pension attorneys should be abolished, and that the Government should deal directly with the pensioners.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington are watching developments in the Far East with the greatest interest.

Spanish Minister de Lome denounced the inference that popular aid to Cuba was a step toward American intervention.

It is denied that the tariff negotiations between the United States and Germany have been broken off.

The Canadian Minister of the Interior visited Washington to confer with Secretary Alger in regard to the Klondike relief expeditions.

The Orange Free State has ratified an extradition treaty with the United States, and the document has been returned to Washington.

Consul Wieslka, at Managua, advises the State Department of the proposed sale of the Nicaragua Railway and steamers and the opportunity for American capitalists it affords.

Domestic.

The annual report of State Superintendent of Banks Frederick D. Kilburn shows a marked improvement in the condition of New York State banks during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1897, the gain in resources having been about \$55,000,000, or nearly twenty per cent.

John Doering, a wealthy citizen of Belleville, Ill., was found dead, having been murdered by robbers.

James McCutney, the newly-appointed head of the Street Cleaning Department of New York City, expressed his admiration of his predecessor's administration, and said that Colonel Warren's system would be followed in every possible respect.

Anthony McGowan, a wealthy resident of Rankin, Penn., has been arrested on a charge of wife murder.

George A. Geisler, of Shankel, Penn., expired at the home of his fiancée, at Belmar, N. J., two hours before the time fixed for his wedding.

Mrs. Nellie J. Peterkin, of New York, was convicted of manslaughter in Boston for killing Mrs. Catherine E. Murphy.

There was a severe storm throughout New England and Northern New York. Railway traffic was delayed.

At the risk of his own life, Patrolman Hamlin, of New York City, saved a cripple from being trampled to death by a runaway horse. The officer was dragged for a block by the animal.

William Arnold, son of Lieutenant-Commander Conway H. Arnold, United States Navy, committed suicide at Monclair, N. J.

J. B. Haggin, the wealthy turfman, aged seventy-four, married Miss Pearl Voorhies, of Versailles, Ky., aged twenty-eight, a niece of his former wife.

Joseph Lockley, a trusted clerk of the American Estates Association, New York City, has fled, after stealing several thousand dollars by means of raised checks, and taking with him all the title deeds, books, and papers of the concern that he could lay his hands on.

William James Linton, the engraver, died in New Haven, Conn.

Eton Johnston, until recently a boarder with the Fellows family at Camden, N. J., shot and wounded Mr. Fellows dangerously and Mrs. Fellows and her son slightly; then killed himself.

Captain George R. Hodgdon, proprietor of the Tremont House, New Haven, Conn., was arrested charged with hiring Frederick Cook to set fire to the Tontine Hotel, conducted by a rival, George T. White.

P. H. Mabry, agent at Brunswick, Ga., of the Southern Express Company, disappeared with \$14,500 consigned by the Citizens' Bank of Savannah, to the Merchants and Traders' Bank. The latter was compelled to close, Mabry, in a note to his wife confessed the theft.

The oil well cordage makers and dealers formed an association at Pittsburgh to advance prices in the oil well supply trade.

In the annual report of the Bank Commissioners of New Hampshire it is stated that there are seventy-seven savings banks in existence, fourteen State banks and trust companies and nineteen building and loan associations. Of the seventy-seven savings banks seventeen are in liquidation. The total amount due depositors by the savings banks is \$29,498,055.94, a decrease of \$1,593,865.21 for the year.

Dr. Willis D. Storr, of Chicago, has restored the power of speech to a girl who had been dumb for three years by training her to use her lips.

Assets of the Maverick Bank of Boston, which originally cost over \$1,000,000, were sold for \$429.

Codfish are still being caught on the Virginia coast in large quantities. The oldest citizens have never before heard of this fish in Accomack waters at this season.

Judge Garrison, in Camden, N. J., fixed January 3 as the date for the trial of Eli Shaw, charged with killing his mother and grandmother, to begin.

Telephone competition in Wabash, Ind., has reduced the cost of the service to sixty-six cents per month.

CATASTROPHE IN CANADA

Terrible Accident in the City Hall, London, Ontario.

THE ROTTEN FLOOR GAVE WAY.

A Crowd of Jubilant Voters Had Met to Celebrate the Election of Their Candidate For Mayor—There Was a Crackling and the Platform Fell—A Score and a Half Killed and Many Injured.

LONDON, Ontario (Special).—At least thirty persons, and perhaps more, were killed in an accident Monday night which followed one of the hottest and most stubbornly contested municipal elections ever known in Canada.

At the close of the polls the crowd, as is usual, gathered in the City Hall, where it has been the custom for years for the successful candidates to address the electors.

The meeting was about to end when the floor in the northeast corner of the hall gave way, and the persons in that section were precipitated to the floor below.

An alarm of fire was sounded and the brigade soon reported and began the work of removing the debris and taking from the ruins the bodies of the dead and injured.

At midnight twenty bodies had been taken from the wrecked building and identified. How many were injured will never be known, as those who suffered but slightly at once made for their own homes or were taken care of by their friends.

Those who were more seriously injured were carried to drug stores, from which they were taken to the hospital or to their homes after their injuries had been attended to. The dead were taken to the committee rooms of Alderman Parnell, the defeated candidate for Mayor, across the street.

The building was crowded to the doors, probably two thousand persons being jammed in its narrow space. There was a fall in the proceedings, the audience called for several of the newly elected Aldermen at once, and there was some delay in securing a speaker to address them.

Alderman Carrothers joined the Mayor in an effort to secure quiet. In response to numerous calls R. M. Toth was pushed forward to the platform on which the speakers stood.

As he reached it there was an ominous cracking, and the raised platform on which the Mayor and newly elected Aldermen were seated seemed to pitch forward to the floor.

There was a sagging of timbers and the next moment 150 persons were hurled twenty feet to the floor below. A beam running twenty feet along the centre of the hall had given way, and the crowded mass steered above that section of the floor were thrown in a heap to the bottom.

A large safe stood in one corner of the hall, and a huge steam coil, weighing half a ton, came crashing down on the heads of the victims. At the crash there was a wild rush for the doors. At the south door, where the majority of the crowd had entered, there was terrible panic.

Those in front were thrown down by the oncoming rush, shrieking and fighting for the door and safety. Only one-half of the rear door, a space probably three feet, was open, and in the mad rush no one thought to open the door in its entirety, and five hundred persons struggled through the narrow space, the strong bearing down the weaker.

The building was an old one, having been erected in the early fifties, and of late years additional stories had been placed on the walls.

In the Grand Opera House, which adjoins the wrecked building, the first act of "The Girl From Paris" had just been concluded when word was whispered through the theatre of the calamity. A panic was imminent, but was averted by the actors and ushers, and the people quietly left the building.

British Trade Threatened.

China has offered important commercial concessions to Russia in exchange for a loan, the effect of which would be disastrous to British trade.

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DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.

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Five of the most dangerous notes in the history of counterfeiting were taken to the secret service at Washington, and an examination of the day's receipts of Treasury cash disclosed a sixth.

If anybody gives you a one hundred dollar bill, look out! It may be a counterfeit. The notes are silver certificates of the denomination of \$100. The discovery was made by George Gremer, the assenting teller in the Philadelphia Sub-Treasury, to whom one of the bills was offered.

Within two days three more were presented at the same window. It was Mr. Gremer who took the notes to the secret service detectives.

The discovery of the counterfeit in the Treasury cash leads to the fear that other notes of the kind have been received. A careful inspection will be made of every certificate of that denomination in the Treasury reserve.

In view of the dangerous character of the counterfeit, Secretary Gage decided to stop issuing and to call in all one-hundred-dollar silver certificates, of which there are about \$25,000,000 outstanding.

These will be exchanged for silver certificates of smaller denominations and the plates destroyed. As soon as new plates can be engraved a new series will be issued.

- FIRE THAT COST SIX LIVES.

Two Sons Only Out of a Family of Eight Persons Escape.

A fire which was discovered about 2:30 o'clock a. m., in Adolph Reich's two-story frame house, 317 Germania avenue, Jersey City, N. J., caused the death of six members of a family of eight and injuries to the two other members of the family. It also caused very painful injuries to John Conway, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The dead are: Adolph Reich, forty-five years old, the head of the family; Emma, his wife, forty-two, and their four children, Tillie, twenty-four; Ida, fifteen; Albert, fourteen, and Gustave, eight. They were all suffocated, and with the exception of that of Mrs. Reich, their bodies were badly burned.

The injured members of the family are Sigmund, nineteen, who was burned about the face, head and arms, and Henry, seventeen, who was burned on the back of the neck and ears. Chief Conway fell through a hole which had been burned in the floor of the back parlor into the basement, striking on the parlor stove which itself had fallen through the hole several minutes before.

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